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Dated 27.2.48.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Development Department.

Letter/Miscellaneous No. 964.
dated 27. 2. 1948.

From

Sri. C.V. Narasimhan, I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Agriculture,
New Delhi. (with enclosures).

Dated, Fort St. George, the 27th February 1948.

Sir,

Sub:- Agriculture - Grow More Food - Cultivation of lands with tractors - Hiring on subsidised basis - Report for the quarter ending 31.12.1947 - Forwarded.

/Develop-ment. In continuation of this Department's letter Miscellaneous No. 5594/dated 3.12.1947, I am directed to forward a report for the quarter ending 31.12.1947 on the working of the scheme for the subsidised hiring of tractors in order to bring more waste lands under the cultivation of food crops. Two statements showing the areas ploughed, harrowed, levelled and bunded by the tractors, and the expenditure and receipts on the scheme during the quarter are enclosed.

2. The demand from ryots for bull dozers is increasing more rapidly and the total turnover during the quarter has shown an extraordinary increase. The bull-dozers worked for 4237 hours during the quarter, against 3190 hours during the previous quarter. Total extent of 1529 acres has been ploughed, harrowed, levelled and bunded by the tractors. The attempts made for speeding up tractor work are handicapped by several factors such as want of spare parts and tools, shortage of well-trained personnel and the freezing order imposed by the Government of Bombay on agricultural machinery during the quarter. A large quantity of spares has been ordered through the manufacturers' representatives and when these are received adequate quantities will be available for regular renewals so that the machines may be on field for the maximum number of days practicable. The Government of Bombay have also withdrawn their freezing order in respect of agricultural machinery, except oil engines.

3. Against 50 tractors for which orders have have been placed with Messrs. Volkart Brothers, Madras, under the Grow More Food Five Year Plan, 35 have been delivered and the balance is expected to land shortly. In order to maintain the machinery with the Department at a high level of efficiency and increase their useful life, all the caterpillar machines have been examined by the expert Service Engineers attached to the Makers' Organisation at Bombay and their reports on the machines are being acted upon to keep them in good working order.

4. The share of the Central Government towards the Scheme for hiring of tractors on subsidised basis amounts to Rs. 26,456-15-8 for the quarter ending 31.12.1947.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) C.V. Narasimhan,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Agriculture with reference to his letter No. T.2.333/48 dated 8.2.1948.

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STATEMENT I.

Area ploughed with tractors.	817 acres.
Area harrowed with tractors.	369 acres.
Area levelled and bunded with tractors.	343 acres.
Number of hours of working of Bull dozers.	4237 hours.
Units excavated earthwork for drainage purposes.	200 hours.

The total expenditure during the quarter ending 31st December 1947 is as below:-

1. Pay of Establishment.	Rs.	25,853- 3-0.
2. Dearness Allowance of Establishment.	Rs.	7,044-11-0.
3. Travelling and other allowances.	Rs.	6,449-15-0.
4. Cost of Fuel, oil, etc.	Rs.	10,144- 9-0.
5. Cost of repairs.	Rs.	2,100- 9-1.
6. Transport charges.	Rs.	3,280-10-3.
7. Miscellaneous items and spares.	Rs.	18,556- 9-0.
Total expenditure.	Rs.	73,430- 2-4.
Total receipts.	Rs.	20,516- 3-0.
Total net expenditure.	Rs.	52,913-15-4.
50% Central Government's share.	Rs.	26,456-15-8.

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STATEMENT II.

Scheme for Tractor Ploughing - Report for the quarter ending 31st December 1947.

Name of the Scheme.	Total cost of Scheme.	Amount sanctioned by Central Government.	
		Loan.	Grant.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Scheme for tractor ploughing to bring waste lands under-cultivation of food crops.	Rs. 1,62,468 (Development Department G.O. No. 210, dated 20.1.1947).	...	Rs. 81,234.

Approximate amount spent during the end of quarter.		Object of the Scheme.	Quantity in tons/acre in number attained.	Remarks.
Total cost.	Central Government's share 50%.			
(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9).
Rs. 52,913-15-4.	Rs.26,456-15-8.	Tractor ploughing of lands and reclamation of lands.	817 acres ploughed. 343 acres levelled. 369 acres harrowed. 200 Units exacavated.	...

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for Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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